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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and/or listed herein - and - which the Examiner may deem relevant to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

STATEMENT OF RELEVANCE

The relevance of EP 0 796 766 and EP 0 366 132 to the subject matter of the present invention is given in the specification of the present invention. Both of these references were cited in the International Search Report, which has already been received and acknowledged by the PTO. English language abstracts are enclosed for the Examiner's convenience.

The remaining references cited in the International Search Report are listed on the attached form PTO-1449, but not enclosed herein.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 CFR §1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith copies of communications from a foreign Patent Office, for a corresponding foreign application, together with English-language versions of that portion of the communications indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign office. All references, except DE 296 04 717, include at least an English language abstract. It is noted that DE 196 10 344 is the equivalent of EP 0 796 766, already of record as discussed above. References cited in more than one source are not submitted more than once.

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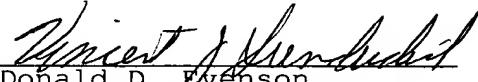
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